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CIVIL PENALTIES ISSUED AT ENFORCEMENT HEARING

Olympia – Secretary of the Public Disclosure Commission, Francis Martin, found violations of state law and assessed civil penalties to a candidate for Lieutenant Governor and three lobbyists for failure to timely file disclosure reports and to five political committees and one candidate for failure to electronically file disclosure reports during brief enforcement hearings held on Thursday in Olympia.

Martin said each individual and committee had numerous opportunities to file the required reports but failed to comply with state law. He said while he is sympathetic to the individual circumstances, it is clear that the mandated reports were not timely filed.

Jocelyn Langlois, candidate for the Office of Lieutenant Governor, was found in violation of state law for failure to file both the Candidate Registration and the Personal Financial Affairs Statement and was assessed a civil penalty of \$300.

The three lobbyists, who were found in violation of state law for failure to file monthly Lobbyist Expense Reports (PDC form L-2), were initially given a warning and asked to file the reports. Enforcement hearings were held when the individuals did not respond to the Commission request. Lobbyists found in violation were:

Bruce Chattin, lobbyist for Washington Aggregates & Concrete Association, was found in violation and assessed a civil penalty of \$150.

Lloyd Flem, lobbyist for Washington Association of Rail Passengers, was found in violation and assessed a civil penalty of \$50.

Deborah Murphy, lobbyist for Washington Association of Housing & Services for the Aging, was found in violation and assessed a civil penalty of \$150.

Five political committees and one candidate were found in violation for failure to timely electronically file campaign finance reports with the Commission. Each was found in violation of state law and assessed a civil penalty of \$250 with the entire penalty suspended if they electronically file their campaign finance reports within 30 days of the final order.

State law mandates that candidates and political committees file campaign finance reports electronically if they expend over \$10,000 in the election cycle.

Those found in violation were **Voice of Tahoma Education, Washington Apartment Association PAC, Mason County Democratic Central Committee, 32nd District Democrats, Yakima County Democratic Central Committee** and **Eric Lucas**, candidate for Snohomish County Superior Court Judge.

Martin also vacated the findings against **Jesse Garrison** who was found in violation of failure to file an annual Personal Financial Affairs Statement and assessed a civil penalty of \$150 at the June hearing. Garrison was not required to file the financial affairs report.

Candidates and political committees found in violation at the hearing will have an opportunity to ask the full, five-member Commission to review the action taken by the presiding officer.

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